before the said date, he may entertain the claim within a further period of thirty days from that date and not thereafter.".

4. **Insertion of new sections 7A and 7B.**—After section 7 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely :—

Power of Commissioner to inquire into disputes as to persons entitled to any amount —"7A. Where there is any dispute as to the person or persons who are entitled to any amount payable under this Act (including any dispute as to who are the legal representatives of any deceased claimant to the amount), the Commissioner may, after making such inquiry as he may deem fit, make the payment to such person as appears to him to be best entitled to receive the amount:

Provided that if the Commissioner is unable to determine as to who is the person entitled to the amount and considers that the matter could more appropriately be dealt with by the principal civil court of original jurisdiction within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the registered office of the Company is situated, he may refer such dispute to the said court, whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that nothing contained herein shall affect the liability of any person, who may receive the whole or any part of the amount allowed under this Act, to pay the same to the person lawfully entitled thereto.

Deposit of amount in court.—7B. Where any dispute has been referred under section 7A by the Commissioner to the civil court referred to therein, he shall deposit the amount in that court.".

5. **Repeal and saving.**—(1) The Indian Iron and Steel Company (Acquisition of Shares) Amendment Ordinance, 1977, (15 of 1977) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance so repealed shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

Notification No. LAW 10 LCA 78.

Bangalore, dated 31st January 1978.

Ordered that the Enemy Property (Amendment) Act, 1977 (No. 40 of 1977) published in Part II. Section 1 of the *Gazette of India*, Extraordinary dated 16th December 1977 be re published in the *Karnataka Gazette* for general information.

By Order and in the name of the President of India,

A. NEELAKANTARYA,

Under Secretary to Government,
Dept. of Law and Parliamentary Affairs.

THE ENEMY PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1977.

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to amend the Enemy Property Act, 1968.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1 Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Enemy Property (Amendment) Act, 1977.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of September, 1977.

2. Amendment of long title.— In the long title of the Enemy Property Act, 1968 (34 of 1968) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after the words and figures "Defence of India Rules, 1962", the words and figures "and the Defence of India Rules, 1971" shall be inserted.

3. Amendment of section 2.—In clause (b) of section 2 of the principal Act, after the words and figures "Defence of India Rules, 1962", the words and figures "or the Defence of India Act, 1971 (42 of 1971) and the Defence of India Rules, 1971" shall be inserted.

4. Amendment of section 3.—In the proviso to section 3 of the principal Act, after the words and figures "Defence of India Rules, 962", the words and figures "or the Defence of India Rules, 1971, as the case may be" shall be inserted.

5. Amendment of section 4.—In the proviso to section 4 of the principal Act, after the words and figure "Defence of India Rules, 1962", the words and figures "or the Defence of India Rules, 1971, as the case may be" shall be inserted.

6. Amendment of section 5.—Section 5 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after that sub-section as so renumbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted namely :—

"(2) Notwithstanding the expiration of the Defence of India Act, 1971 (42 of 1971) and the Defence of India Rules, 1971, all enemy property vested before such expiration in the Custodian of Enemy Property for India appointed under the said Rules and continuing to vest in him immediately before the commencement of the Enemy Property (Amendment) Act, 1977 shall, as from such commencement, vest in the custodian."

7. Amendment of section 7.—In section 7 of the principal Act after the words and figures "Defence of India Rules, 1962," wherever they occur, the words and figures "or the Defence of India Rules, 1971, as the case may be" shall be inserted.

8. Amendment of section 8.—In sub-section (1) of section 8 of the principal Act, in clause (x), after the figures, letters and word

25th October, 1962", the words figures, and letters "or on the 3rd, December 1971" shall be inserted.

9. **Amendment of section 23.**—In sub-section (3) of section 23 of the principal Act, for the words "or in two successive sessons and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following", th words "or in two or more successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid" shall be substituted.

10. **Amendment of section 24.**—Section 24 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after that sub-section as so renumbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—

"(2) Every order which was made under the Defence of India Rules, 1971 by the Central Government or by the Custodian of Enemy Property for India appointed under thos Rules relating to enemy property and which was in force immediately before the expiration thereof shall, in so far as such order is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to continue in force and to have been made under this Act."

11. **Repeal and saving** —(1) The Enemy Property (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 (11 of 1977) is hereby repealed.

(2) Not wit standing such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

Notification No. LAW 11 LCA 78.

Bangalore, dated 2nd February 1978.

Ordered that the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Act, 1977 (No. 43 of 1977) published in Part II, Section 1 of the *Gazette of India*, Extraordinary dated 24th Decemeber 1977 be republished in the *Karnataka Gazette* for general information.

By Order and in the name of the President of India,

A. NEELAKANTARYA,
Under Secretary to Government,
Department of Law and Parly. Affairs.

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